

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE: 7/9/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division



## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Tabitha Gaylene Bell  
Address: 5555 Hermitage Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Office/Position: Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies / East Baton Rouge  
# of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 8  
Years Covered: 2017-2020  
Final Report: No

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019 - Amendment  
Report ID: PFD20008866  
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020  
Initial PFD Filed on: 7/30/2020  
NOD-amend Received: 1/19/2021  
NOD-amend Signed by: Mail Carrier Covid 19 - as agent for Tabitha Bell  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/28/2021  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 4/12/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 74  
Total days late from initial due date: 280  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/5/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/25/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 5/10/2021

## COMMENTS:

Tabitha Gaylene Bell is requesting a waiver for the late filing of her 2018 and 2019 Amendments. Mrs. Bell stated she does not recall receiving the notices to amend, when they were issued in July 2020. Until she was contacted by the BOE, she was unaware that her spouse's income was missing from the disclosure and did not realize his employment was considered a "Political Subdivision". Mrs. Bell stated during this time, she was unemployed, as she was laid off due to COVID-19 Pandemic. She was behind on her bills and struggling to feed her four children. She had no health insurance coverage and was seeing a psychiatrist for her mental health. She apologizes for failing to file the amendments and asks the Ethics Board to waive her late fee assessments, as the fines will create a financial hardship for her due to her unforeseen circumstances.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes 2018

(Pending Waiver Request)

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

May 10, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Waiver Request 2018/2019 - Tabitha Gaylene Bell - PFD19006338

I would like to request a waiver. According to your documentation, I supposedly received notification of delinquency in June/July 2020. I do not recall receiving this notice. At that time, COVID-19 was at its peak, I was unemployed/laid off, behind on my bills, struggling to feed my 4 children, had no health insurance and seeing a psychiatrist for mental instability. My first recall of delinquency notification was when Ms. Wimberly reached out to me via email a few months ago. I was unaware that my spouse's income was missing from the Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. I did not realize his place of employment was considered Political Subdivision on the Schedule B form. I was educated by Ms. Wimberly after my first attempt to submit the amended Tier 3, incorrectly. I truly apologize for my ignorance. I ask that the late fee assessment be waived due to unforeseen circumstances/life events and pardoned for my lack of knowing the proper way to complete the Schedule B.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Tabitha Gaylene Bell  
5555 Hermitage Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 505-9349  
tabitha.bell31@gmail.com

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**NO. 70192970000163131291**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 17, 2020

Tabitha Gaylene Bell  
5555 Hermitage Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND  
PFD19006338**

Dear Tabitha Gaylene Bell:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2018 that was filed with this office on May 15, 2019, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

**You are required to disclose the income that your spouse received (during calendar year 2018) from BREC (Parks & Recreation of Baton Rouge) on SCHEDULE B.**

**You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice** to file an amendment to your Statement, or to submit a written Answer contesting the allegations. **Failure to file** within the 7 days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

If you would like to view the report that was initially filed to further explain the omission and/or correction needed, you may visit our website at [www.ethics.la.gov](http://www.ethics.la.gov). If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier  
Compliance Investigator

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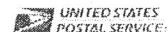


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April 02, 2021

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**NO. 70200090000066132963**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

December 18, 2020

Tabitha Gaylene Bell  
5555 Hermitage Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND  
PFD20008866**

Dear Tabitha Gaylene Bell:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019 that was filed with this office on July 30, 2020, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

**You are required to disclose information for your spouse (covering calendar year 2019) throughout the Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.**

**If your spouse remained employed at BREC (during calendar year 2019), you are required to disclose the employment on SCHEDULE A, and disclose the income received from BREC on SCHEDULE B.**

**You are required to disclose where you were employed (during calendar year 2019) on SCHEDULE A.**

**Also, you indicate that this Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covers calendar years 2020-2021 when the disclosure due should cover calendar year 2019. Your disclosure statement has been processed for calendar year 2019.**

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Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier  
Compliance Investigator

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## 1. Article Addressed to:

Tabitha Gaylene Bell  
5555 Hermitage Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806



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## 2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

## A. Signature

X COVID-19

☐ Agent☐ Addressee

## B. Received by (Printed Name)

Tabitha Bell

## C. Date of Delivery

12-19-20

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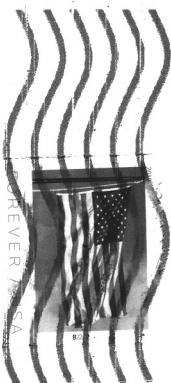
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